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1. YUGOSLAV PRESIDENCY MEETING ON CSCE: UNDER TITO'S CHAIRMANSHIP YUGOSLAV PRESIDENCY MET JAN 10 TO CONSIDER CSCE IMPLEMENTATION TO DATE AND PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE 77. REPORTED ASSESSMENT WAS THAT IMPLEMENTATION THUS FAR HAS BEEN UNSATISFACTORY, WITH, HOWEVER, SOME EXCEPTIONS, NOTABLY BORDER AGREEMENT BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND ITALY. PRESIDENCY CONCLUDED THAT NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ARE STILL OPEN AND THAT SOME CONDUCT AND ACTIONS TAKAY SINCE HELSINKI MEETING REPRESENT VIOLATION OF FINAL ACT. IN THIS RESPECT, PRESS REPORT REFERS TO SITUATION IN MEDITERRANEAN AS ESPECIALLY CAUSING CONCERN. GOY PRESIDENCY BELIEVES THAT PERIOD SINCE HELSINKI HAS SHOWN THAT LESSENING OF TENSIONS AND STABILITY IN EUROPE CAN BE MADE DURABLE ONLY BY A PROCESS WHICH IS NEITHER REDUCED TO AGREEMENTS BETWEEN BLOCS NOR "LIMITED ONLY TO ONE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OR SEPARATE INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS." STRESS ALSO PLACED
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ON FURTHER CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES, ON "DISENGAGEMENT" AND DISARMAMENT.
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2. WHEN ASKED JAN 12 BY EMBOFF ABOUT PRESIDENCY

MEETING ON CSCE AT THIS TIME, FSFA CSCE COUNSELOR PLEASE
CAUTIONED AGAINST PLACING ANY SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE ON IT. WE
PLEASE CLAIMED MEETING WAS PART OF GOY'S INFORMAL REVIEW PRO-
CEDURE ON MATTER SUCH AS CSCE AND EXPECTED THAT PRESIDENCY
WILL MEET AT LEAST ONCE AGAIN BEFORE BELGRADE 77 TO REVIEW
PREPARATIONS. OF END-OF-JANUARY NEUTRALS/NON-ALIGNED
MEETING SET FOR BELGRADE, PLEASE STRESSED ITS INFORMALITY,
SAYING NO AGENDA WAS PLANNED. HE SAID GOY DID NOT EXPECT
ANY MAJOR DISAGREEMENT ON SUBJECTS WHICH MIGHT BE DIS-
CUSSED. ON PREPARATION CONFERENCE BEGINNING JUNE 15,
HE MENTIONED DIVISION BETWEEN THOSE NATIONS HOPING TO
FORWARD A GENERAL AGENDA FOR THE MAIN MEETING AND OTHERS
WHICH NOW PREFER A SPECIFIC AGENDA. GOY'S THINKING ON
ISSUE IS NOT COMPLETE, BUT IT SEEMS TO BE LEANING IN
FAVOR OF MORE GENERAL AGENDA/#

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3. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS: IN ORDER TO AVOID KEY-
STONE COPS-LIKE PURSUIT OF OFFICE SPACE AND OTHER
ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, AND IN GENERAL TO PREVENT
YUGOSLAVS FROM PLAYING US OFF AGAINST ONE ANOTHER,
REPRESENTATIVES OF MOST NATO EMBASSIES IN BELGRADE HAVE
AGREED TO MEET INFORMALLY AND IRREGULARLY TO REVIEW BOTH
GOY AND OWN PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE 77. ADMIN
COUNSELOR ATTENDED FIRST SUCH MEETING JAN 7, A LUNCHEON
HOSTED BY UK COUNSELOR, WHICH INCLUDED CSCE EXECUTIVE
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SECRETARY BOZINOVIC AND ASSISTANT NOVAKOVIC (FORMER
PRESS COUNSELOR IN U.S.) DETAILS WILL BE REPORTED
SEPARATELY BUT OF NOTE WAS ASSURANCE BY BOZINOVIC THAT
CONSTRUCTION OF CONFERENCE SITE WILL BE COMPLETED ON
TIME. HE COULD GIVE NO GUARANTEES ON AVAILABILITY OF
OFFICE SPACE IN CONFERENCE CENTER ITSELF AND SUGGESTED
THAT DELEGATIONS IN NEED OF MORE THAN A CUBBYHOLE BEGIN
TO LOOK ELSEWHERE. (DESPITE GENERAL SKEPTICISM HERE ON
BOZINOVIC'S COMPLETION ASSURANCE, WE NOTE THAT CONSTRUCTION
APPEARS TO BE ON SCHEDULE.)

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4. REGARDING REFTEL ADDRESSEES, WE WISH TO REMIND
DEPARTMENT AGAIN OF OUR AGREEMENT TO REFRAIN FROM
INCLUDING YUGOSLAVS WITH MOSCOW/WARSAW PACT MEMBERS IN
CSCE CONTEXT. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT IF YUGOSLAVS

BECOME AWARE OF SUCH TREATMENT OUR INTERESTS HERE WOULD
BE DAMAGED. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE OBJECT TO
PARTICULAR REQUIREMENT IN REFTEL WHICH IN FACT WE HAVE
ALREADY BEEN FOLLOWING BEFORE RECEIPT. YORK

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